

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 7019

January 16, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes a local board of education or charter school governing body to adopt policies and procedures relative to COVID-19 quarantining. Prohibits the Commissioner of the Department of Health or a local health department from unilaterally prohibiting a local board of education or charter school governing body from adopting or implementing a quarantine policy during a state of emergency, major disaster, or natural disaster.

Requires a claimant alleging loss, damage, injury, or death caused by or resulting from a policy adopted by a local board or charter school governing body to prove by clear and convincing evidence that the board or governing body caused the injury by an act or omission constituting gross negligence or willful misconduct.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Authorizing a local board of education or charter school governing body to adopt COVID-19 quarantining policies and procedures will not result in a significant fiscal impact to state or local government.
- No change in the Basic Education Program funding formula.
- It cannot be reasonably determined if any or how many claims related to a quarantine policy would be filed against a local board of education or charter school governing body. For any such claims, it is assumed that state and local governments have not acted with gross negligence or willful misconduct.
- This legislation will not significantly impact courts' caseloads.
- Any impact resulting from this legislation will be borne by private parties to civil actions.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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